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Two dozen police hurt in Memphis street clashes after marshals kill black man

Brandon Webber, 20, was shot after ramming his vehicle into U.S. Marshals' vehicles.

At least two dozen police officers were injured in overnight clashes with protesters, some throwing rocks, in Memphis, Tennessee, after U.S. Marshals Service agents fatally shot a black man during an attempted arrest, officials said on Thursday.

The man, identified as 20-year-old Brandon Webber, was shot by the agents after he rammed his vehicle into their vehicles as they sought to arrest him on multiple warrants at about 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the working-class neighborhood of Frayser, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Public records show that Webber was arrested five times, for driving violations and on charges that included possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana. The outcome of those arrests was not clear from the records. The bureau said Webber was carrying an unspecified weapon when he got out of his vehicle.

At least 24 officers and deputies were injured, with six hospitalized, during the confrontation, Mayor Jim Strickland said



A group of young people hug each other in front of a high school the day after violent clashes between police and protesters in the streets of Memphis, Tennessee. REUTERS

in a statement, adding that two journalists also were injured. The injuries were mostly minor, police said, and the crowd eventually dispersed. It was not clear how many civilians were hurt or whether anyone was arrested.

Shortly before he was shot, Webber posted a live video on Facebook that showed him in a car, rapping and apparently smoking a marijuana cigarette.

In the video, he looked out the window and said he saw police. With a laugh, he looked directly into the camera and said the officers would "have to kill me."

Authorities did not state the reason for the arrest warrants.

The tense scene afterward raised the possibility of more disturbances in the predominantly black city, evoking memories of

a string of sometimes violent protests against police brutality that broke out in other cities in recent years. Those clashes, notably many days of protests after an unarmed black man was killed in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014, gave rise to the Black Lives Matter movement.

The Marshals Service, an arm of the U.S. Justice Department, arrests fugitives, among other roles.

"The U.S. Marshals killed my son."

Sonny Webber, Brandon Webber's father

As news of the death spread, an angry crowd estimated at about 300

people gathered in the streets. Some threw rocks and spat at the police, the mayor said in his statement. Police strapped on protective riot gear and tried to control the crowd by spraying chemicals, according to officials and media reports. Video footage of the protests showed one man bashing a police car with a chair. The mayor said "multiple police cars" were vandalized.

Leslie Earhart, a spokeswoman for the bureau, declined to provide further information about the shooting while the investigation was ongoing, including the type of weapon Webber was reported to have had, the reason for the arrest warrants, and whether Webber's father and neighbors were correct when they said Webber had been shot between 16 and 20 times.

Dave Oney, a spokesman for the Marshals Service, declined to say why marshals were seeking to arrest Webber.

The Facebook page for Webber, who was a father, was filled with tributes from friends mourning his death.

"The U.S. Marshals killed my son," Sonny Webber, Brandon Webber's father, said in a brief telephone interview. "He just had his first daughter a couple of weeks ago, and another daughter on the way." REUTERS

WH spokeswoman Sanders to exit job at end of month

2 White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders, a fierce loyalist of President Donald Trump, will leave her job at the end of the month to return to her home state of Arkansas, Trump said on Thursday. Sanders, who is 36 and has three young children, has drawn fire from the White House Correspondents Association for limiting daily briefings, with Trump preferring to take questions himself from reporters and command the White House

stage. The last briefing was 94 days ago, but Trump answers questions from reporters on a near-daily basis, including two extended sessions with them on Wednesday. Sanders evolved into a senior adviser and confidante of the president, one who is regularly brought into senior-level meetings. Speculation immediately turned to whether Sanders might run for governor of Arkansas, a position once held by her father, Mike Huckabee. REUTERS

Bar scales back US 'free shot per goal' promo

3 A Miami bar that offered customers "free shots" for every goal scored by the United States at the Women's World Cup has scaled back its offer in the wake of the team's record-breaking 13-0 thrashing of Thailand this week. The American Social Bar & Kitchen used its social media page for the promotion, clearly not expecting the U.S. to rack up the tournament's biggest-ever win in their opening game on Tuesday. The rampant

U.S. team, a traditional powerhouse of women's football, face unfancied Chile on Sunday but thirsty Florida customers should not be expecting another night of multiple free shots and will have to settle for a single drink. "Our 'free shots' promotion is not meant to be taken literally, especially when records are shattered," a furiously back-peddalling Paul Greenberg, one of the managing partners at American Social, said in an email to Reuters. REUTERS

SC man who killed his five children sentenced to death

4 A South Carolina jury sentenced a man to death on Thursday after convicting him of murdering his five young children at their mobile home in 2014 before driving their decomposing bodies through several states and dumping them in Alabama. The jurors voted unanimously to give Timothy Jones the death penalty. The same jury last week found him guilty of the murders of Merah, 8; Elias, 7; Nathan, 6; Gabriel, 2; and Abigail,

1. Jurors considered whether to give Jones the death penalty or life in prison without possibility of parole. Jones, 37, a divorced former software engineer, did not testify at the trial in Lexington, South Carolina. In closing arguments on Thursday, prosecutor Rick Hubbard said the murders of children under age 11 warranted the death penalty. "Let the punishment fit the crime," Hubbard told jurors. "He is a mass murderer." REUTERS

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FBI investigating American deaths at DR resorts

Three Americans died at resorts there within five days.

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The FBI is investigating the deaths of three Americans staying at resorts in the Dominican Republic in recent weeks, NPR reported Wednesday.

Since news of the deaths broke, relatives of four other Americans who died there over the past year have spoken up, including real estate mogul and "Shark Tank" judge Barbara Corcoran.

Similarities among the deaths have been reported: They happened suddenly, several after having an alcoholic drink. But authorities have not established a



Resort hotel pool and bar in the morning, in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. GETTY IMAGES

connection.

Robin Bernstein, U.S. ambassador to the Dominican Republic, said the FBI is conducting toxicology tests, which could take up to a month to complete.

"The safety and security of U.S. citizens that live in, work in, and visit the Dominican Republic remains our highest priority," said Bernstein in a statement. "These incidents are tragic and we

offer our deepest condolences to those personally impacted."

Meanwhile, the families of Maryland couple Nathaniel Holmes, 63, and Cynthia Ann Day, 49, have flown their bodies back to the U.S. and are preparing to have autopsies and toxicology tests performed. The couple, who were engaged, were found dead in their room at the Grand Bahia Principe La

that both died of respiratory failure and pulmonary edema, a condition in which the lungs fill with fluid.

Five days earlier, Miranda Schaup-Werner, 41, died of the same cause after checking in to a resort owned by the same company. She experienced respiratory failure not long after consuming a drink from

said.

On Wednesday, Corcoran said her brother John, 65, was found dead in his hotel room of a heart attack while vacationing in the Dominican Republic in April.

On June 6, family members of Pennsylvanian Yvette Monique Sport, 51, told NBC 10 she died last June at a Bahia Principe hotel after she drank a beverage from the hotel's minibar.

But Bernstein, the U.S. ambassador, said a link between the older and newer cases is not yet evident. "At this time, we have no indication of any connection between those tragic losses and the cases currently under investigation," she said.

Six million people visit the Dominican Republic each year, half of those from the United States.

"The safety and security of U.S. citizens that live in, work in, and visit the Dominican Republic remains our highest priority."

Robin Bernstein, U.S. ambassador to the Dominican Republic

Romana resort on May 30. An autopsy in the Dominican Republic found

the minibar in her hotel room, authorities in the Dominican Republic

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Cuba Gooding Jr. charged with groping woman in Manhattan bar

Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. was charged on Thursday with groping a woman at a Manhattan bar last weekend, New York City police said.

The "Jerry Maguire" actor faces one misdemeanor account of forcible touching in an incident on Sunday when an unidentified woman said Gooding touched her breasts.

Gooding, who denies the accusation, emerged in handcuffs after being charged at a New York police facility. He did not speak to reporters.

He was the latest Hollywood figure to be swept up in a sexual misconduct scandal that has roiled the entertainment industry in the last two years.

Gooding's attorney, Mark J. Heller, said he was "completely confident that [Gooding] will be totally exonerated." He told reporters that Gooding

will enter a not guilty plea at an initial court appearance.

"There is not a scintilla of criminal culpability that can be attributed to Cuba Gooding Jr.," Heller told reporters.

Heller said he was "shocked and horrified" that the case was being prosecuted after he presented police with security video from the bar that the attorney said showed no criminal behavior by Gooding.

Gooding, 51, won a supporting actor Oscar in 1997 for "Jerry Maguire" and had roles in "A Few Good Men," "The Butler" and the television miniseries "The People v. O.J. Simpson."

The actor, who is divorced, is one of dozens of men in politics, entertainment, sports and the business world who have been accused

of sexual misconduct since allegations against movie producer Harvey Weinstein triggered the #MeToo movement.

Weinstein is to stand trial in New York later this year on charges of rape and forced oral sex involving two women. He has denied any non-consensual sex.

Former "House of Cards" actor Kevin Spacey in January pleaded not guilty to sexually assaulting an 18-year-old man at a Massachusetts bar two years ago, while singer R. Kelly was charged in Chicago with sexually assaulting three teens and a woman.

Heller accused the woman who lodged the complaint against Gooding last weekend of seeking "simply to get their 15 minutes of fame" and said he hoped she would herself be prosecuted



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once Gooding's case is resolved.

New York media reported on Thursday that another woman had come

forward this week alleging inappropriate touching by Gooding in 2008.

Heller said Gooding had "no knowledge" of

the alleged 2008 incident, which falls outside the statute of limitations for any potential charges.

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A pop-up art installation depicting a small child curled up underneath a foil survival blanket in a chain-link cage stands along a Brooklyn street on Wednesday.

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Caged migrant kids installations evoke powerful public response

The pop-up #NoKidsInCages installations played real audio of crying migrant children.



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New York City police on Wednesday quickly removed 24 pop-up political installations that depicted children crying in cages, but not before passersby were forced to confront their intended message about the treatment of migrant families at the U.S. southern border.

"Brought me to my knees just now," tweeted Tim Devane of Brooklyn, who shared a photo of the installation along with the hashtag #NoKidsInCages.

The installations were created by ad agency Badger & Winters on behalf of RAICES, a Texas-based nonprofit that provides legal aid to immigrants and refugees. Each installation showed a small child curled up under foil survival blankets, confined inside a chain-link cage

with a #NoKidsInCages sign. The hashtag has since gone viral on social media, reigniting the conversation around the border crisis.

In fact, the recordings were so "haunting" and "disturbing" that a Pix 11 reporter said she and her camera crew intentionally avoided capturing the audio in their television report.

Though visually upsetting, it was the audio component of the displays that reportedly evoked the strongest reaction — tapes of crying detained children, recorded at the border, blasting from speakers.

The creators of the installations told media that the pieces were meant to be "an emotional, provocative, multisensory experience" to raise more awareness about the conditions faced by migrants, specifically migrant children, at the border.

"The litmus test of any society is how it treats children. By normalizing the detention of children in cages, we're only going further down the path of forsaking the rights

of all children," RAICES Executive Director Jonathan Ryan said in a news release.

In September, a 10-year-old girl from El Salvador became the sixth child in eight months to die after being detained by border authorities. This fiscal year, U.S. border agents have apprehended more than 56,000 unaccompanied minors, according to the Washington Post. That represents an increase of 74 percent over last year.

The installations were placed in front of highly trafficked areas like Union Square, Madison Square Park, the Brooklyn Bridge entrance, as well as media organizations like Google, BuzzFeed and CNN. They were first spotted at about 6 a.m. Wednesday, but were reportedly removed soon after by New York police officers.

The NYPD did not immediately reply to a request for comment on the removal of the installations. It was unclear whether the individuals who placed them in the public spaces will face any penalties.

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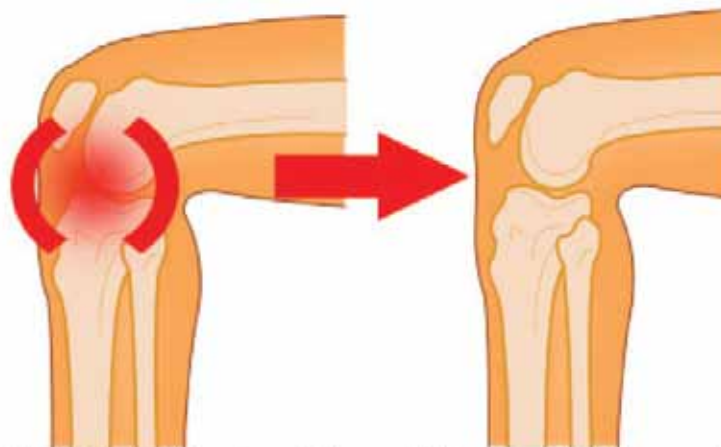
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White House counselor Kellyanne Conway.

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Calls to fire Conway, comments violate law: Watchdogs

The White House rejected the ruling, demanding a withdrawal.

A government watchdog agency on Thursday recommended Kellyanne Conway, a senior adviser to President Donald Trump, be fired for repeatedly violating U.S. law with political comments while serving in the White House.

The White House immediately rejected the special counsel office's ruling and demanded that it withdraw the report.

A statement from the Office of Special Counsel cited Conway's comments in television interviews and social media posts as violations of the Hatch Act, a 1939 law prohibiting executive branch employees from engaging in some political activities. The president, vice president and certain other senior officials are exempted.

The OSC referred to disparaging comments Conway made about Democratic presidential candidates.

"Given that Ms. Conway is a repeat offender and has shown disregard for the law, OSC recommends that she be removed from federal service," the statement said.

Conway, 52, served as Trump's campaign manager in 2016, becoming the first woman to head a winning presidential campaign, and is one of his most loyal aides and fiercest defenders.

She currently is leading White House efforts on reducing deaths by opioids and Trump likely would be loathe to have her leave the White House right when he is cranking up his re-election campaign.

White House deputy press secretary Steven Groves said the OSC action violated Conway's constitutional rights to free speech and due process and was pushed by media pressure and liberal organizations.

"Based on the numerous errors in the report and the flawed process under which it was issued, we ask that you withdraw and retract the report and continue the dialogue with this office that should

have taken place and that could have avoided many of the errors in the current draft," said a letter to the OSC from White House legal counsel Pat Cipollone.

Last month, Conway was critical of former Vice President Joe Biden, one of the leading Democrats seeking to unseat Trump in 2020, in conversations with reporters at the White House. In recent television she attacked another challenger, Sen. Bernie Sanders, and scoffed at candidate Seth Moulton, a member of the House of Representatives, as an unknown.

The special counsel's office cited Conway last year for favoring a Republican candidate over a Democrat in an interview discussing a special Senate election in Alabama in 2017. The White House said she was only expressing Trump's preference.

Conway's husband, Republican lawyer George Conway, is a vociferous Trump critic who has called for impeachment and said Trump is "mentally unwell." **REUTERS**

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What to know about renting in NYC this summer

A new report sheds light on the most affordable – and priciest – apartments in Brooklyn and Manhattan.



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Real estate brokerage Citi Habitats has released its Rental Market Analysis for May 2019, which explains where you can find the most expensive and most affordable apartments in New York City.

The report shows that although rents have risen in Manhattan and Brooklyn, vacancy rates continue to fall, which might make finding a place this summer hard to do. In a press release, Gary Malin, president of Citi Habitats, said that “rents have been inching upward, while concessions

continue to fall away. If current trends continue, tenants will face a more challenging market this summer than they have seen in years.”

From April to May, average rents increased by at least 1 percent in both Brooklyn and Manhattan. Malin also added that “May was a comparatively strong month for building owners. Rental housing was in demand — due, in part, to an influx of students and new grads.”

The report found that the most expensive places to live in Manhattan are

SoHo/TriBeCa, followed by Gramercy/Flatiron. The most affordable areas in Manhattan are Washington Heights and the Upper East Side below 96th Street.

The most expensive neighborhood in Brooklyn is DUMBO, whereas the most affordable areas include Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights, followed closely by Bushwick.

Curious about the average rental rate in Manhattan and Brooklyn? The report showed that in May 2019, average

Average rent prices in NYC

Manhattan

- Studio - \$2,543
- 1-Bdrm - \$3,316
- 2-Bdrm - \$4,322
- 3-Bdrm - \$5,933

Brooklyn

- Studio - \$2,512
- 1-Bdrm - \$3,050
- 2-Bdrm - \$3,974
- 3-Bdrm - \$5,163

rates for apartments in Manhattan were \$2,543 for a studio apartment, \$3,316 for a one-bedroom, \$4,322 for a two-bedroom and \$5,933 for a three-bedroom.

In Brooklyn, the average rent for a studio apartment was \$2,512, \$3,050 for a one-bedroom, \$3,974 for a two-bedroom and \$5,163 for a three-bedroom.

Avenatti sued for allegedly siphoning \$4M settlement

Michael Avenatti, the lawyer who represented porn star Stormy Daniels in lawsuits against U.S. President Donald Trump, has been sued by a paraplegic former client who accused him of siphoning away a \$4 million settlement he had won.

Geoffrey Johnson is seeking at least \$9.5 million, plus punitive damages, from Avenatti and several former colleagues in a complaint filed with the Orange County Superior Court in California.

“He engaged in a four-year cover-up,” Johnson’s lawyer Daniel Callahan said at a press conference on Thursday, referring to Avenatti. “Mr. Avenatti has acted so despicably, it’s beyond words.”

Avenatti rejected the allegations. “Mr. Johnson’s claims are cate-



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gorically false and frivolous, and his case will be thrown out of court,” Avenatti said in an email.

The claims underlying the lawsuit are also part of federal prosecutors’ criminal case against Avenatti, who faces wire fraud, bank fraud, extortion and a few dozen other charges over various matters in California and New York.

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Aries Remembering the past will help you avoid being taken for granted. Offer to do only what you can, without going overboard. Romance should be a priority.



Taurus Bring about the changes that will make you happy, confident and secure. Talk to a loved one about your opinions of your current lifestyle and where you see yourself heading.



Gemini Play by the rules and point out if someone else isn't. Be smart about the way you do business and your choice of associates to get ahead. Honesty is favored.



Cancer Do things your way. Make changes that will boost your morale and give you the gumption to take on challenges. Don't tag along when you can be the instigator.



Leo Help others, expand your interests or update your image. Try to be objective when dealing with others and keep your secrets close to the vest.



Virgo Your ability to recognize what needs to be done and to act accordingly will put you in a position to advance. Do your best to counter anyone trying to meddle in your affairs.



Libra Collect the facts. Don't trust anyone to look out for you or give you something for nothing. Personal growth and physical improvements should be your priorities.



Scorpio Lots can be accomplished if you pick up the pace, follow your heart and use your skills in a focused manner. Travel and networking will be informative.



Sagittarius Don't go overboard. You can have a wonderful time with a loved one without being indulgent or spending money you don't have. Making plans will lead to a memorable occasion.



Capricorn Compromise will bring good results. Collaborate with people who bring out the best in you to develop a plan that will make your life better.



Aquarius Take on a physical challenge that will encourage you to get into shape or make positive changes at home. Plan a garage sale or donate stuff you no longer use.



Pisces Participate in community events or get together with people who enjoy the same things you do. If someone pressures you to take on too much, know enough to take a pass. EUGENIA LAST



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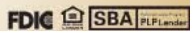
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The actress stars in the new zombie horror-comedy from Jim Jarmusch. **PAT KING**

It's hard not to get caught up with how scary the current environmental crisis facing our suffering planet is. While many people do their best to make a difference in their day-to-day lives, given their good intentions, they still want to believe that it is all going to work out in the end. In the new zombie horror-comedy "The Dead Don't Die" by indie-cinema auteur Jim Jarmusch, the filmmaker poses this question over and over again: What if we're already too far gone to turn back?

The film is centered around three police officers in the town of Centerville, played by Bill Murray, Adam Driver and Chloe Sevigny as they try

Chloe Sevigny talks climate change denial and 'The Dead Don't Die'



Bill Murray, Chloe Sevigny and Adam Driver in "The Dead Don't Die."

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to battle off a horde of the living dead that have risen from the grave after energy companies have caused the Earth to stop moving on its axis through "polar fracking." While Driver's character, Ronnie Peterson, keeps trying to hammer the severity of the situation across by refraining in a classic Jarmusch deadpan, "This is not going to end well," Sevigny's Mindy Morrison chooses to keep her head dug into the sand, believing that the evil will all go away — a feeling that mirrors that of many people who choose to disengage with our current situation.

"I was thinking about a lot of those people that are just in denial," says Sevigny, of channeling that kind of misplaced optimism, as we meet in a hotel suite on a rainy day in SoHo. "Then again, she is driving a Prius and she's probably doing her part but she's not fighting capitalism, which is probably the only way. Jim likes to say the environmental crisis isn't political. But to me, it is. How are we going to change policies? That is the only way we are going to make some sort of big shift. Of course it's not political in the fact that yes, we all have to accept that this is happening. It's daunting and it's frightening. How does one do that? I compost, I recycle, I try to not use single-use plastic, which is really hard. I'm thinking before every purchase, before I get a disposable fork, to even eat with my hands if I can. Garbage gives me

untold anxiety. But, I fly all of the time [laughs]! So, how can we make a difference? It's terrifying."

As a strong presence on- and offscreen, Sevigny had a hard time playing into this kind of "damsel in distress" character for the film, but ultimately knew that she would be in the right hands under the direction of Jarmusch.

"I was really nervous that I was going to be the one that nobody was going to pay attention to," says Sevigny. "I thought he was writing to everyone's strengths and I was like, what are my strengths? What is he writing here? Who is this person? She is a trope, but it was very hard to access her for me. I was really nervous that I was going to look like I was in a different movie. I was really insecure on the set, actually. Because they are all doing this one thing and I am here trying to keep alive this other thing. I just had to put my trust in Jim and hope he wouldn't make me look like an a—hole [laughs]."

The film boasts one of the most star-studded and flat-out "cool" casts that Jarmusch has ever assembled onscreen, which is saying something for him. Stars and well-known faces like Selena Gomez, Steve Buscemi, Tilda Swinton, Iggy Pop, Tom Waits and RZA all show up for memorable performances. For Sevigny, she had no idea what the cast would be like going into the film. But given Jarmusch's track record, he always gets an automatic "yes" when he

offers her a role.

"I don't know if he said anything about the casting," she says. "He sent me a letter and he said he wanted to make a ridiculous zombie movie. ... But I always know that he gets great casts. Over and over, through all of his movies, half of it is the casting. I said I would sign on even before reading the script."

For Sevigny, being around Tilda Swinton, who plays the otherworldly samurai-sword-wielding Scottish mortician Zelda Winston, was like being in contact with life from another planet. But overall, the friendly atmosphere showed through from a cast of characters who have remained in Jarmusch's orbit throughout the years.

"She is like a creature from another planet," says Sevigny of Swinton's alien elegance. "Just being around her. Just her stature and the way she moves and seeing her wielding that sword ... I was just in awe of her and the way she communicates with people. Of course, she had worked with Jim before, and he has most of the same crew around, so she knew all of the people. Same with Adam and same with Bill, and a little bit with me. I had worked with Fred Elms before on "Broken Flowers." It's very easygoing. We're all in the flow. Therefore, there's an ease and a casualness. It's nice."

"The Dead Don't Die" will rise from the grave and hit theaters on Friday, June 14.

5 Cool things to do with Dad this Father's Day weekend in NYC



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Father's Day is around the corner and if you're looking for the perfect way to pamper Dad this year, we've got you covered. From a whiskey tasting to brunch, here's something for every kind of Dad to do this Father's Day.

Check out a cool pop-up

This year for Father's Day, Fatherly (a media site for Dads) has partnered with Gillette to create a fun pop up exhibit called, "Sincerely" that focuses on letters to sons about everything under the sun from love, life and how to be a good man. Some of the letters featured on redefining masculinity come from celebrities such as Terry Crews, rapper Common and more.

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Treat Dad to a whiskey flight

LeGrande Lounge at The Time New York hotel is hosting a tasting flight

for whiskey-loving Dads. The lounge is located on the mezzanine level of the hotel, and its highly stylized interior makes it the perfect spot for a drink. This Father's Day, Dad can taste a flight of whiskey from Japan, America, and Ireland. This tasting is perfect for any father who is a whiskey expert or wants to become an expert.

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Bottomless brunch for Dad

Dos Caminos is offering a bottomless brunch on Father's Day weekend. The brunch features delicious food from Hell's kitchen winner, Ariel Fox. Some dishes Dad can look forward to are: churro pancakes, Mexican French toast, and more. Dad can also enjoy bottomless frozen Margaritas, Bloody Marts, Mimosa, Screwdrivers or Sparkling wine with the purchase of a brunch entrées.

June 16, noon- 4 p.m., price varies, all locations

Take Dad for a spa treatment

If Dad is need of a spa treatment, the NYC Barber Shop Museum is the perfect spot to take him. They have a variety of packages but are

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Madonna takes on frightening world with new album 'Madame X'

Gun control, poverty and the marginalized. Madonna's new album "Madame X" sees the Queen of Pop wanting to "fight back" in what she sees as a frightening modern world.

In an interview with Reuters, Madonna also said she was horrified by moves to restrict LGBTQ and women's rights, namely in her native United States.

"If you're talking about the far right and the rights that are being taken away from, say the LGBTQ community or women's rights ... obviously I am traumatized and horrified," Madonna said.

A longtime campaigner for the LGBTQ community and known for her charity work in Malawi, Madonna, 60, said she would keep fighting for those causes.

"There's still an enormous amount of poverty in Malawi and the rate of HIV has gone down considerably but it's not disappeared," she said. "[There are] all the problems that are recurring in America because of new legislation, so I am going to have to keep fighting for the same things."

On her 14th studio album, Madonna addresses U.S. gun-control laws and uses a snippet of a speech by school-shooting survivor Emma Gonzalez in the rousing single "I Rise," a song she says aims to give a voice to marginalized people.

"Dark Ballet," a piano ballad infused with electronic pop, was inspired by Joan of Arc and references a world "up in flames," while in "Killers Who Are Partying" she sings about the poor and

exploited children, as well as a woman raped.

"It's pretty frightening, yes, it's pretty scary. ... There is stuff going on everywhere in the world," she said when asked how she felt about the state of the world.

"When you think about the amount of people who have died, been killed, have been wounded, whose lives have been changed irrevocably because of the lack of gun control in America, it's such a huge, huge problem."

"I care deeply about it so I couldn't not write about it," she said.

She also said she took issue with some U.S. states restricting abortion rights.

"These are crazy times because we fought really hard for a lot of these freedoms and now



it seems like they are all systematically being taken away. ... It doesn't make me feel hopeless. It just makes me want to fight back."

Influenced by living in Lisbon, where Madonna joined local musicians in so-called living room sessions, the Latin-infused "Madame X" also takes listeners to street parties and the club with a spate of catchy tracks.

Madonna also sings in Spanish and Portuguese on the 15-track album, released on Friday.

She described "Madame X" as a "chameleon."

"Every song is a reflection of Madame X. Sometimes she's a freedom fighter, sometimes she's a cha-cha instructor, sometimes she's longing for love, sometimes she's feeling nostalgic," Madonna said.

"Sometimes she's thinking about all the people in the world who are suffering, who don't have a voice and who need a voice, and feels a sense of responsibility for those people."

Madonna, who shot to fame in the early 1980s with hits like "Holiday" and "Like a Virgin," has sold more than 300 mil-

lion records worldwide, making her the best-selling female recording artist, according to Guinness World Records.

Known for pushing boundaries and sometimes provocative imagery, her work has influenced scores of artists.

Asked how she felt about her career, she said: "I'm incredibly grateful ... to have been able to be successful for so long and to be able to be in a position that I am, to continue to create, to have the freedom to speak my mind and to feel inspired and creative." **MARIE-LOUISE GUMUCHIAN**

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With Stanley Cup finished, what's next for Isles, Rangers?

The Islanders and Rangers are approaching the thick of a very important offseason.



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Another championship drought ended on Wednesday night when the St. Louis Blues won their first-ever Stanley Cup in a dominant Game-7 showing against the Bruins in Boston.

It was the final stroke of a masterpiece put together by general manager Doug Armstrong and interim head coach Craig Berube. The two took the Blues from dead-last in the NHL on Jan. 3 to champions on Jun. 12.

Such a drastic turnaround provides the elusive promise that the Stanley Cup can be won by anyone in any given year. And it offers hope for both the New York Islanders and Rangers as they enter the most important parts of their offseason.

With both New York City-area teams currently at different phases of building a contender, importance varies on each of the three main transactional avenues: Free agency, the trade market, and the draft.

Here is a glimpse at what the Rangers and Islanders might be planning over the next few weeks as the draft begins on Jun. 21 and free agency starts up on Jul. 1.

RANGERS

For a franchise that admitted the ugly truth to its fans just 16 months ago that a full rebuild was on the way, the Rangers are very much ahead of schedule.

Granted, they received plenty of help from the NHL Draft Lottery, which awarded them with the No. 2 pick despite finishing the season with the league's sixth-worst record.

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A big offseason awaits both the New York Rangers and Islanders. GETTY IMAGES

Blueshirts will be getting a game-changing talent in either Jack Hughes or Kaapo Kakko, depending on who the New Jersey Devils select at No. 1.

Hughes had long been considered as the top prospect of the 2019 draft class, but a strong showing by Kakko at the 2019 IIHF World Championships with Finland closed the gap.

Regardless, the Rangers are adding another premier talent to an already deep prospect pool that includes Lias Andersson, Filip Chytil, and Vitali Kravtsov.

The pick will only help them become a larger player on the free-agent market. It will be plenty appealing to some big-name stars to join a young core that can compete in the Eastern Conference for at least the next decade.

It's been well known that the Rangers will be in the running for play-making winger Artemi Panarin, who is coming off a career season with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Rumors have swirled since the beginning of the 2018-19 season that his preferred destinations are New York and Florida.

Rick Carpiniello of the Athletic also noted on Wednesday that the Rangers could pursue restricted free agents like Brayden Point of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

ISLANDERS

The Islanders catapulted from rebuilding to contending thanks to the stability brought in by Lou Lamoriello and Barry Trotz.

It's been a tentative offseason, however, since they were eliminated by the Carolina Hurricanes in the playoffs. With several tentative free agents ready to hit the market on Jul. 1, Lamoriello has only been able to resign Brock Nelson in the last month.

Islanders fans are still waiting to hear any news on the possible extensions involving captain Anders Lee, winger Jordan Eberle, and goaltending stalwart, Robin Lehner. Expect things to heat up, even more, the closer we get to Jul. 1.

That first day of July will also be the starting gun for the Islanders to go after some much-needed scoring help. Whether that means going all in for Panarin or Matt Duchene remains to be seen considering Lamoriello loves to keep his cards close to the vest.

The Islanders have the money to make a strong case for any big name. They currently have the eighth-most projected cap space available this summer at around \$27 million, per CapFriendly.com.

To address additional offensive depth, the Islanders have an opportunity to deal from a posi-

tion of strength to address a point of weakness.

Defensemen Nick Leddy and Thomas Hickey are reportedly on the trade block and could bring in second or third line talents. Arthur Staple of the

Athletic noted that Brandon Saad of the Chicago Blackhawks and Mike Hoffman of the Florida Panthers could be prime trade targets, as well.

While Saad provides Cup-winning experience,

Hoffman is coming off a career year in which he recorded 36 goals and 34 assists. Half of those goals came on the power play, which is something the Islanders struggled mightily with last year.

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All signs point to Kyrie joining Nets

The free-agent forward opted out of his final year with the Celtics.



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All signs are continuing to point to Kyrie Irving joining the Brooklyn Nets this summer.

The 27-year-old star point guard added fuel to the speculative fire on Wednesday when he split with long-time agent Jeff Weschler and joined Jay-Z's Roc Nation.

Jay-Z, a Brooklyn native, was also a part



The Nets continue to see their chances of signing Kyrie Irving increase. GETTY IMAGES

owner of the Nets until 2013.

Irving to the Nets has gained some serious

momentum this month, with ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski reporting on Jun. 6 that he is "seri-

ous about the Nets."

Raised in New Jersey, Irving grew up a Nets fan during one of the

franchise's golden ages. They made two-straight NBA Finals appearances in 2002 and 2003 behind Irving's idol, Jason Kidd.

Before his split with Weschler on Wednesday, Irving opted out of the final year of his contract with the Boston Celtics. It will officially make him an unrestricted free agent on Jul. 1 and paves the way for him coming to Brooklyn.

There will be plenty of competition for him, especially from the New York Knicks. Brooklyn's crosstown rival has two max-salary slots to offer the chance of pairing Irving with another superstar. Those plans could

have taken a hit though when Kevin Durant ruptured his Achilles.

Sources told Wojnarowski that Irving and Durant had discussed playing together with either the Knicks or Nets. Durant was favored to go to the Knicks before his injury, which could throw a wrench into those plans.

Regardless, Wojnarowski confirmed that Irving is still "intensely interested" in joining the Nets.

Bringing him on would be the first step of overhauling changes for Brooklyn, which could include the departure of All-Star point guard D'Angelo Russell.

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The best pitcher in NY is... Jason Vargas?

In the umpteenth-millionth example of how we as a species possess little predictive power when it comes to sports, the starting pitching scene amongst the New York baseball landscape has been turned on its head this spring.

Both the Mets and Yankees are laden with top-tier arms, always providing the promise of Cy Young-worthy campaigns from the likes of Jacob deGrom, Luis Severino, and Noah Syndergaard.

But Severino has yet to make his 2019 debut as he struggles with injuries while deGrom and Syndergaard have battled plenty of inconsistencies this year.

So you take a look at



Jason Vargas has become one of the most reliable pitchers for the Mets this season. GETTY IMAGES

the second tier of starting arms amongst the Mets and Yankees.

While Mets No. 3 arm Zack Wheeler wants to get paid like a top-end starter, he has yet to show that he could carry a rotation on his own.

In the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader against the Yankees, he was rocked for five earned runs on 10 hits in 4.2 innings. He's now 5-4 this year with a 4.87 ERA.

In the Bronx, JA Happ and James Paxton have ERA's over 4.00 while Masahiro Tanaka has allowed at least four earned runs in each of his last three starts.

Domingo German, who was an early dark horse for the AL Cy Young Award, has imploded over his last

three starts, possessing an 8.59 ERA.

All those big names, all those promising arms, and the best pitcher in New York has been... Jason Vargas?

Yes, Jason Vargas.

The Mets' No. 5 starter has been surprisingly solid since Apr. 19 after a horrendous start to the year in which he held a 14.21 ERA over his first three starts.

In his last eight starts — which included a 20-day break due to a hamstring injury — Vargas has a sterling 2.20 ERA in 45 innings of work while opponents are batting just .215 against him. He limited the mighty Yankees to just three runs on Tuesday night in six innings of work; a solid follow up to his complete-game

shutout of the San Francisco Giants on Jun. 5.

The 36-year-old southpaw has regained his control as his strikeouts to walk ratio jumped from a measly 0.75 over his first three starts to 3.36 since.

Vargas' successful run hasn't been matched by any other starting pitcher in New York and it hasn't even been close:

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